

# Tyson To Fight It Out In Jail

by Kabrina Murrell

Did he or didn't he do it? Who knows? Mike Tyson was found guilty of rape on Feb. 10, 1992. He could face up to 60 years in jail on three counts. Innocent until proven guilty? Tyson had the opportunity to have the jury believe that the "so-called" rape never took place—and then he opened his mouth.

He was crude, he was sexist, he used the B-I-G word x x x (you know what I mean). He may have been innocent, but that mouth was a crime in itself.

The young woman who accused Tyson of rape can press "damage" charges against him and receive money (she had bodily abrasions).

Tyson kept smiling in the courtroom. Sorry, Tyson, just because you are famous, it doesn't mean they'll let you off the hook!

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## Chance Book Drive Begins

by Nancy McManus

On March 11 the students here at Ford were given chance books. The money that is brought in will be used to help pay for athletic and non-athletic activities here at Ford.

According to Mr. Campa-

naro, the rewards given to the students who sell the chances are "a pat on the back, a chance at a \$50 drawing every-day, a chance at a jumping jackpot worth up to \$1,000, and three additional days off during Holy Week."

Last year the chance book

drive brought in \$41,400. This year they are hoping to raise \$40,000. Hopefully, the students will be able to raise more than \$40,000 and break last year's amount. The chances are due back by March 31, so get ready to start selling.

# FR. JAN DEPARTS FOR RUSSIA

by Nancy McManus and Karen Nikoloudakis

Q: ARE YOU SAD ABOUT LEAVING BISHOP FORD, AND IF SO, WHY?

A: Yes, I do leave Bishop Ford High School reluctantly because I have enjoyed teaching here very much these past eleven or twelve years; even more, I enjoyed my association and friendship with my colleagues on the faculty and with my students. I feel that I have received so much more than I could possibly have given through these relationships. I am an only child, and my parents are in heaven, so these relationships have been and will continue to be very important to me. I am not leaving Bishop Ford because I am dissatisfied here, but because as a Franciscan friar (monk) I have the vow of obedience, and my religious superiors have asked me to go to Russia to aid in the re-education of the people to Christianity.

Q: WHAT DO YOU FEEL IS THE REASON FOR YOUR BEING CHOSEN TO GO ON SUCH A MISSION?

A: The reason I was chosen is that I am the only Franciscan priest presently available (outside of what was formerly the Soviet Union) who speaks some Russian, and has the education and experience necessary for the work which I will probably have to do. Most likely, one of the first things to be done there (after I perfect my knowledge of the Russian language) is to educate adults in Christianity so that they can teach other adults and children. Russia was a Christian country, but during the 72 years of Communism, it was forbidden there to teach religion (even the Sign of the Cross, or the "Our Father") to anyone under 18 years of age. Consequently, although many Russians now declare themselves as Christians, they actually know almost nothing about their faith.

Although in a very wide sense we can speak of me as being sent to Russia as a "missionary," we have to remember that it's not the same as being a missionary to some country that never heard about Jesus and His Gospel; Russia has its own Christian Church, called the Russian Orthodox Church, with the Patriarch of Moscow at its head. Although the Russian Orthodox are not in union with the Pope of Rome (we hope that someday soon they may be), they are more than 99% the same as the Catholic Church, and so we hope to offer our services to them to help them educate their people. We will avoid trying to "convert" Russian Orthodox faithful to Catholics. There will be plenty of unbaptized former atheists who will come to us to join the Catholic Church.

Q: WHAT ARE YOUR FEELINGS TOWARD THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE?

A: As a priest and religious, my first duty is to try to save my own soul. But if I truly believe in the "Good News" of the Gospel, then I must try to spread the knowledge of Jesus to as many people as I can and encourage them to enter into a relationship of love and friendship with Him. This will bring them to be responsible and caring persons who will want to live in love and peace with others. I am not accepting this assignment to Russia because I like the Russians better than I love you, but because those poor people are in such terrible need of spiritual as well as material aid. There is a shortage of Catholic priests all over; you don't feel it so much in Brooklyn and New York because there are so many foreign priests here who study at universities during the week and then help out in various parishes on week-ends. But in some areas even of the USA, it is not uncommon for one priest to be in charge of two or even three parishes. In Russia, the Communists killed most of the priests, so there is a bigger shortage of Catholic priests in Russia than there is in the USA.

Q: AREN'T YOU AFRAID THAT BECAUSE OF THE RUSSIANS' PAST EXPERIENCE WITH PRIESTS, YOUR LIFE MAY BE IN DANGER?

A: Yes, that is a distinct possibility. I would be naive  
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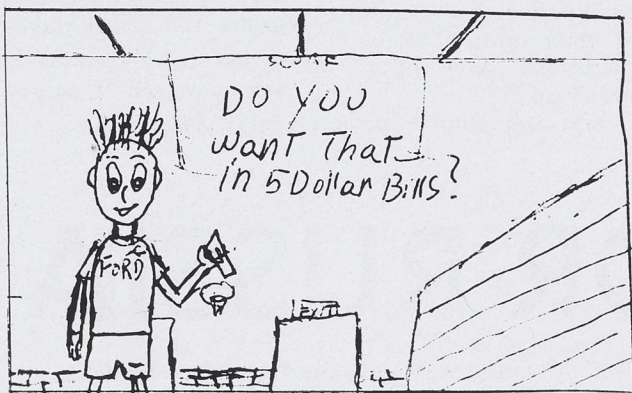
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by Ed Grant



(FR. JAN — continued from page 1)

to believe that all the formerly atheistic communists who were brought up to hate priests for the past 72 years have suddenly all disappeared or become "converted." There are definitely "hard-line" (convinced) communists still around as well as the ex-KGB (secret police) agents. Many of these resent the loss of their former power and the material privileges they had. Their resentment is likely to fall on Americans in Russia and on priests in particular. However, if I refused to go (besides being disobedient to my superiors) I feel that everything I have been teaching and preaching for 30 years about sacrifice of oneself and service to others would then be turned into a lie because I wasn't ready to do it when it became inconvenient or even dangerous. A Polish priest told me that many of the Russian people will appreciate this even more: that I came to be with them and to share their lives at a time of food shortages and danger. It is well said that "the language of love is sacrifice." At the same time I don't want to pretend that I am a hero and that I am not afraid. Lately, I have been waking up in the middle of the night and thinking about these things, but I have to just put myself in the hands of God, Who loves me. Even if I stayed in Brooklyn, I could be mugged or killed or die suddenly, if God called me.

Q: IF THERE WAS ONE MESSAGE YOU COULD SEND TO ALL OF YOUR PAST OR PRESENT STUDENTS, WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

A: My best advice out of love and friendship for you is this: put first things first in your life. The most important things are for you to live a happy life here and to reach heaven, to believe in God, go to Holy Mass on Sundays (whether or not you like the priest), to say your prayers and to treat each other kindly. Most of the misery in the world is caused by selfishness and not caring; however, selfish people are rarely happy themselves because they can never get enough of material things, and in the process they make everyone around them miserable, too. Keep close to the Church and the sacraments. Go to confession and receive Holy Communion frequently.

Academically speaking, my advice to you is to take every advantage of the excellent opportunities for education and learning at Bishop Ford. As you will all too soon experience, life is not "hanging out" but working and earning a living. When a teacher is absent, instead of just "hanging out," go to the library and read. All my former students who go on to college say that the hardest part for them is getting used to reading many books. Start now so that you won't have such a hard time adjusting to college and later on also in your career. Learn a new word or two every day so that you'll do better on your SAT's and in life.

It's very difficult to say goodbye. When we miss each other, let's meet spiritually at God's Altar through the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass! I will never forget you and all the love and friendship you have given me. Be good so that we will be together again in heaven with Jesus and Mary and all the saints. If you wish to write to me, or even visit me in St. Petersburg, Russia, this is my address (later on I'll send my telephone number):

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SANKHT PETERSBURG  
Kovenskiy pereulok 7  
Katholochiskij Khram Lourdski Bogomateri  
Otec Januarius Izzo, O.F.M.

(In Russia they write addresses starting with the country, city, street, and ending with the person's name.)

## To March With Dignity

by Ray Layden

For the second consecutive year there are gays and lesbians protesting to be in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. They are trying to make other people aware that there are people who are proud to be gay and lesbian. If this is the issue, why not just march in the annual Gay and Lesbian Parade as an Irish coalition?

The St. Patrick's Day Parade is not an avenue for people to display their sexual preferences or to show that they're proud to be gay or lesbian. It is a parade for people to show that they are proud to be Irish Catholic.

The homosexuals who do march in the parade do nothing but make a mockery of it. They are simply marching to get attention. When they were permitted to march last year, they acted in a way that was very distasteful. They walked hand-in-hand, arm-in-arm, tongue-to-tongue. Of course, not all of them marched French kissing each other, but enough of them did. This was done by homosexuals marching in the parade, not the heterosexuals who were capable of marching with dignity.

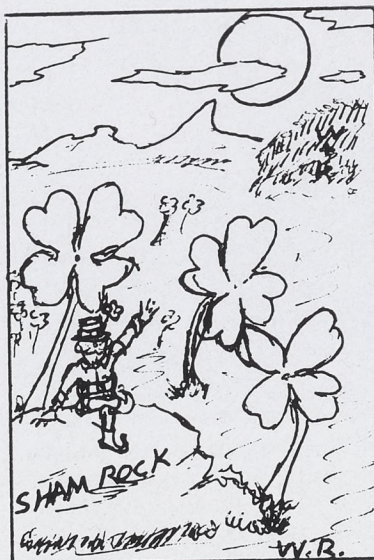
If they are not allowed to march this year, they will probably just yell and complain that everyone is prejudiced against them. However, this is not true. It should be obvious that the parade is for Irish Catholic people and not to support gays and lesbians.

If they are allowed to march in the parade, it will just go to show that if you make enough noise and commotion, you can just about do whatever you want.

This is not a case of homophobia or discrimination, it is a case of common sense and propriety.

Homosexuals have no business marching in the parade as a "Gay and Lesbian Coalition," as it is not the proper forum to promote homosexuality.

The St. Patrick's Day Parade is sponsored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians. This is an Irish Catholic organization. When you become a member of this organization, you promise to promote and protect your Catholic faith.



## Racial Crimes Plague City Streets

by Karen Nikoloudakis

Since the first day of our glorious New Year, tears have been shed because of the racially motivated violence plaguing our city streets, and most sadly, it has been perpetrated by the young. The first incident was when two young black children were stopped on the way to school by a group of white adolescents and spraypainted white. When I first heard of this on the radio while getting ready for school, I thought it was a joke and laughed. I really thought someone at this local radio station had a twisted sense of humor and was making a perverse joke. But the more I listened, I realized that it was for real, and a wave of pain, disgust, and anger filled me. I was outraged! And I still am. But my anger does not stop here.

Over the rest of the month of January, copycat crimes of the same nature were inflicted by not only whites against blacks, but against those of Indian, Puerto Rican, White and Black descent. And don't think that the Whites were the only prejudiced party. Blacks attacked a White and Black girl because they were friends, Blacks beat up a young Indian girl, Blacks and Puerto Ricans fought each other. But don't think that I am making excuses for White people. Everywhere there are signs of prejudice. Looking through a magazine like *XM* there are some, but few black models, although in *Ebony* and *Jet* there are no white models. But in the campaign made by Benneton, there are no color boundaries, we are all united as one.

But enough of this. If adults of this country don't want to have anything to do with one another, that's one thing. But when they start raising another generation of bigots, that's another. A baby is born without prejudice and it's the parents who instill it in them. That's wrong.

As Christians, we should be above all of this; but we seem to forget that this country was built on a foundation of prejudice. The Pilgrims and Puritans sought religious freedom. Catholics were exiled. Slaves and indentured servants were widespread. And then the bondage stopped, and the hatred lived on.

The latest attack, and hopefully the last, was when two young black men abducted a white teenage girl, at gunpoint, while she was waiting for the bus to go to school. They proceeded to drive off and raped her. The motive? She was a white girl and would do just fine. This was just to counteract the previous attacks, which made it just the more sickening. When will the violence in this city stop? Most of all, when will the children stop taking their anger out on each other? We are a city that is divided because of stereotypes. We have come so far, it is not right that we should have to go back. It is our parents' job and duty to teach us about our similarities, not just our differences. Luckily I can say that my family has brought me up not to judge a person by what they look like or how they dress, but to look within that person. Something so simple in itself, yet so hard to get through to the young of New York City.

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## St. Valentine's Day

by Whitney McCoy

Valentine's Day is celebrated on February 14 to show love and affection. People send greeting cards to their sweethearts, their friends and their families. Valentine's Day is not a business or a bank holiday, school and businesses remain open as usual. School children decorate their class-

rooms with bright red paper hearts.

On Valentine's Day, women and girls receive gifts, candy, and flowers from their favorite valentines.

People think that Cupid is a good luck charm for them. When the arrow strikes them, they think that Valentine's Day will be a day they will never forget.





## An Invitation To Our Seniors

As in the past, the staff of **Highpoint** intends to acknowledge your graduation from Bishop Ford Central Catholic High School. In the past we have encouraged the seniors to write a few words about their families, teachers, friends, and most memorable experiences here at Ford.

Well, this year the staff would like to uphold that tradition by encouraging this year's senior class to do the same. We would like as many seniors as possible to participate in this event. We ask that you neatly write or print what you would like to have printed in the paper. If there is a person's name you wish to include, please print the name clearly and correctly so that it is not misspelled in the paper.

One thing that we must stress is that **no comment can be printed anonymously**. You must sign what you have written. After you have finished what you would like to have printed in the paper, please get it to Mr. McKay in the English office as soon as possible.

## MUSIC AND FILM

By V. LiJoi

This record review is about the album **AMERICANA** by the group **A.R. Kane**. London's **A.R. Kane** are a duo who play guitars rather than sampling machines. Their version of "Black Rock" has little in common with the funk-metal style of Living Colour. Influenced by Miles Davis' late '60's jazz-rock fusion and reggae beat, **A. R. Kane** combine guitar haze with melodies and mystical imagery.

**Americana** is their U.S. major label debut. It's a compilation of tracks from the late 1980's EPs and LPs that in Britain won the group huge critical acclaim and influenced a generation of indie bands. **A.R. Kane's** "Dream-Pop," as they call it, fills the mind's eye with fantastical images, so don't miss this opportunity to feed your head.

This movie review is about the movie **JUICE**. The title of Ernest R. Dickerson's up-to-the-minute street drama refers to the pumped-up macho bravado that has come to define style and morality in the inner city.

**JUICE**, which is set in Harlem, is a kind of mean-streets movie about four youths coming of age in a war zone. The movie has a somewhat melodramatic script, but Dickerson's movie lays out how, in an era when America's inner cities have crumbled into physical and spiritual rubble, the consuming desire for dominion has begun to seep into every corner of people's lives. **Tupac Shakur** gives a sterling performance as Bishop, who leads his crew in a holdup and discovers that murder makes him high.

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Which teacher is losing his hair?

1. Br. Tom
2. Mr. Villa
3. Mr. Kozik
4. Fr. Jan
5. Mr. Nash
6. Mr. McKay
7. Mr. Tom
8. all of the above

### Book Review:

## Paradise

by Jennifer Cruz

**Paradise**, by the renowned author Judith McNaught, is a book that will win your hearts, as it did mine.

**Paradise** is a beautiful story of young love, family devotion, and the power of a second chance.

It starts with a detailed story of two young people, Meredith

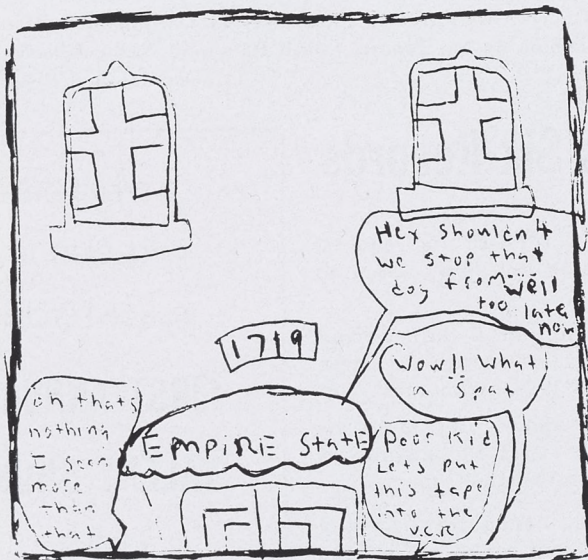
Bancroft and Matthew Farrell.

Then the story kicks off years ahead to high school days, college life, and two successful careers.

Want to know how they met? What breaks them apart? What brings them back? Well, read the book. It will take your emotions on the ride of your life.

## To Jump Or Not To Jump

by Clifton Regis



## The Hand That Rocks The Cradle

by Kabrina Murrell

We start off with Claire, a very pregnant mother-to-be. During her check-up by Dr. Motts, she is sexually molested by him. Devastated, she tells her husband and they press charges against him. The doctor shoots himself, thus leaving his pregnant wife alone. Mrs. Motts finds that she has lost everything, including her house. She collapses and is immediately rushed to the hospital where she loses her baby.

Claire, while calling to the school bus to stop so she can give her daughter, Emma, her sweater, meets Payton (a.k.a Mrs. Motts). She is not aware that this is Dr. Motts wife and (with a few tricks played by Payton) hires her to fill the nanny position for her newborn baby.

Well, Payton does everything to sort of "help" Claire into slowly losing her grip on her family and her life. You have an extreme hatred for Payton's viciousness. Claire has asthma and Payton uses this against her and tries to kill her by emptying her prescriptions.

Harlene, Claire's best friend, sees right through Payton, saying, "Never let a beautiful woman take a power position in your home: 'The hand that rocks the cradle, rules the world.'" This means the one who wins the affections and trust of the children has control over everything.

This is one great movie you don't want to miss. It has a terrific ending; it's a suspenseful, frightening look into revenge at its finest!

## Fried Green Tomatoes

by Jennifer Cruz

**Fried Green Tomatoes:** If you love stories, this is your movie. A southern comedy that teaches friendship, love, and hardship.

It'll make you laugh until you drop and cry until you scream. You want mystery, you want love, friendship, and major laughs? Three words: **Fried Green Tomatoes.**

Go now!

### Theatre Review:

## Les Miserables

by Karen Nikoloudakis

Recently I was fortunate enough to go to a showing of the play **Les Miserables**, and I must say that I was quite impressed. I had heard so many good things about it, but it was far beyond all my expectations.

First of all the stage was amazing. It turned, so it gave the impression of an actual journey taking place. The costumes were not overstated,

meaning that you weren't mesmerized by them but you were actually paying attention to the plot. And the plot itself was extremely interesting. We were taken on a voyage through one man's life, his misfortunes, tragedies, and loves. It was quite moving. All this tied in with the times of France during the monarchy, revolution, etc.

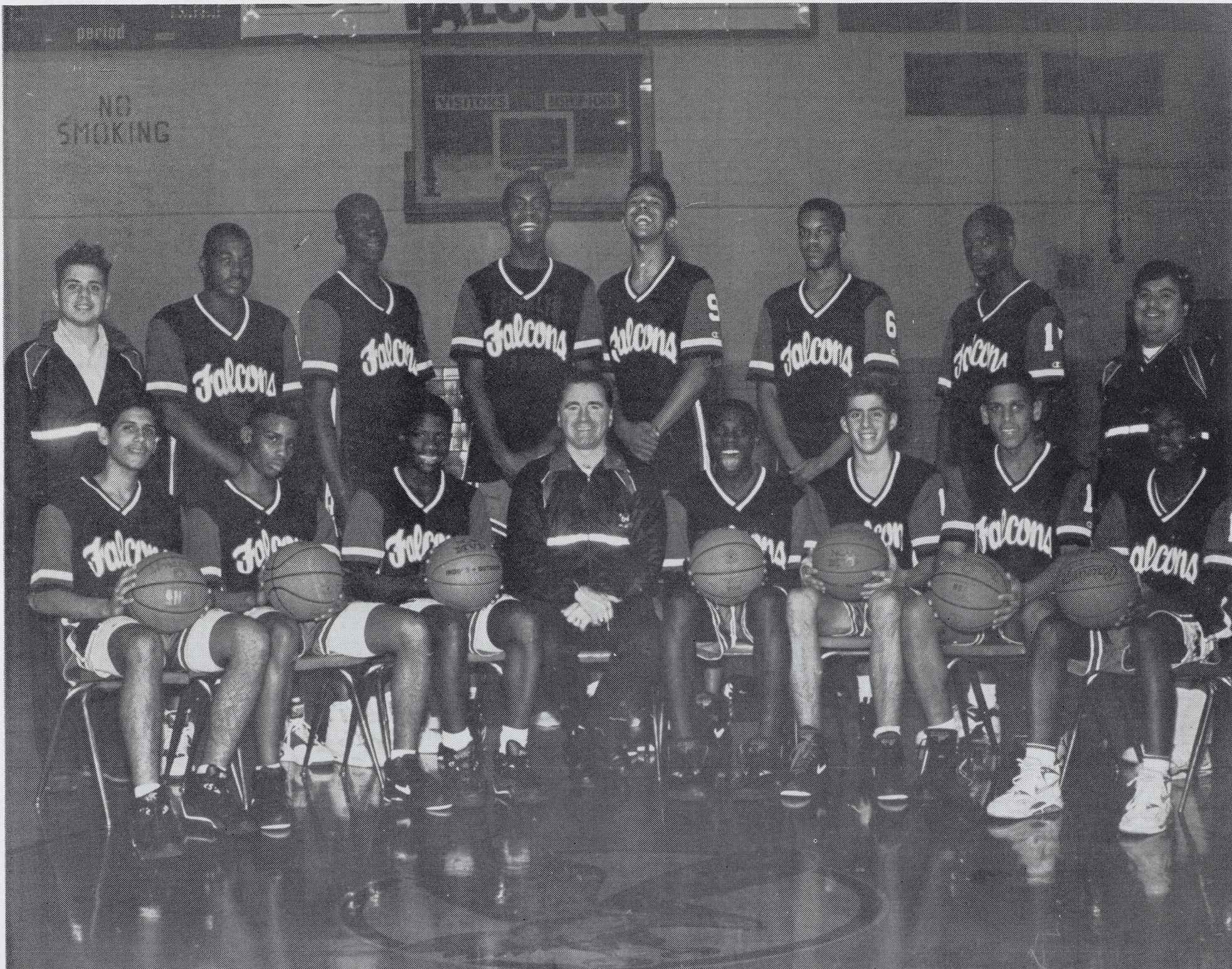
I must admit, I laughed and I cried... a lot! I felt as if I

were there and good and bad memories of the cast lingered with me. They are still there. The entire cast gave a strong performance, which made it seem that they also had a relationship off stage.

I enjoyed this play immensely and would recommend that all go and see it. Everyone should know more about such a turbulent time in world history.



# BISHOP FORD'S PRIDE AND JOY



Standing (left to right): Manager Mike Guerra, Marlon Williams, Winston Gordon, Rob Blackwell, Douglas Walrond, Ben Dixon, Nigel Hucey, Assistant Coach Pete Goyco. Seated (left to right): Al Perez, Teddy Coleman, Javone Moore, Coach Raymond Nash, Charles Jones, Mike Saenger, Nick Giordani, Sam Brown. Camera Shy: Assistant Coach Daniel Piselli.

## Swimming Team Breaks Six Records

by Raymond Ng

This year the Ford swim team broke a total of six records. The swim team is dedicated to their goals but don't seem to get any recognition for their efforts.

The majority of people consider swimming a dull, boring sport. But, on the contrary, it can be very exciting. There are even people who are not aware there is a swim team.

Swimming is similar to any other sport: you must be dedicated and push yourself to the limit. And the swimmers are just as dedicated as any athlete in any other sport.

The swim team deserves just as much recognition as any other sport in the school. People usually attend basketball games or track meets to show school spirit; that is all well and good. But why not try something new and get to a swim meet? The majority of people may not care for it, but at least give it a chance before judging. The swimmers at least deserve that for all their hard work and sacrifices to represent Ford.

The six swimming records broken by Ford swimmers are:

50 yd. free relay	28.4 — Kelly Flahive
100 yd. free relay	1:8-6 — Kennly Flahive
200 yd. free relay	2:04-1 — Kelly Flahive
200 yd. free relay	2:04-1 — Colleen Fallon
200 yd. free relay	2:04-1 — Jessica Bombera
200 yd. free relay	2:04-1 — Nicole Kelly
500 yd. free relay	6:43 — Colleen Fallon
200 yd. free relay	1:40-1 — Danny Perez
200 yd. free relay	1:40-1 — Mark Rosiello
200 yd. free relay	1:40-1 — Terry Shashaty
200 yd. free relay	1:40-1 — Brian Hopkins
100 yd. free relay	51.4 — Danny Perez

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## Varsity Basketball Team Soars

by Karen Nikoloudakis

With a record of 16 wins and 3 losses, Bishop Ford's varsity basketball team is soaring to their well-deserved playoff spot. I have had the chance to catch a few games here and there, and I can tell you that it is some sight. When they play, they play as a team with their sights set on one common goal, to win.

The team was led by 6 foot 9 Robert Blackwell, who is going to Boston College on a scholarship, Winston Gordon, Nigel Husey, Mike Saenger, Charles Jones, Javon Moore, and Ben Dixon. Luckily, for our sake, four of the five starters will be returning next year.

Also, I had the opportunity to speak briefly with head coach Raymond Nash. He spoke about the two important wins this year against Ford's

arch rival, Xaverian, and the wins which the team garnered in San Diego. I am happy to say they beat the number one teams from North Carolina and Seattle and a team that is ranked in the top 25 of the nation by **USA Today**. Also, he mentioned that Ford was one of the better teams in the city, maybe in the top four or five. In all actuality, they are fifth in the City and sixth in the State. This is quite impressive. This makes their aspirations for the city championship all the more likely. Coach Nash's prediction for next year's team: a really good shot at the City Championship.

I would like to thank Coach Nash for his cooperation when speaking to me and wish Bishop Ford's Boys' Varsity Basketball Falcons the best of luck in getting their well-deserved glory.